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MEMORANDUM FOR: CPP

SUBJECT : PSB Staff Meeting, Wednesday, 17 December 1952

1. The Director stated that the next appropriate date for a formal PSB meeting appeared to be 15 January, the agenda tentatively as follows:

- a. [REDACTED]
 - b. Approval of Berlin Supplement to Germany Paper.
 - c. Consideration of Brewster Morris Paper on Escape and Defection in Germany.
 - d. Notation of the Progress Report from [REDACTED]
(Allegedly an excellent report on U.S. activities in [REDACTED])
 - e. PSB Quarterly Report. (The Director will sound out the Board members at tomorrow's luncheon on this matter.)
- FYI: our draft report is well in hand.

2. At the luncheon Thursday, 18 December, the Director will:

- a. raise the question as to why the delay in broadcasts by the [REDACTED]
He believes it essential that this operation get underway before the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Mr. Phillips said he thought the delay was due to frequency allocation and authorization.
- b. discuss publicity with respect to asylum policy.

3. Interesting points raised with psychological implications were:

- a. The alleged circulation of letters by Bruening and Baade in Germany, which imply that the new Administration has lost interest in EDC. It was agreed that this was an agit-prop technique. The new Secretary of State is to be briefed immediately on the import of the problem.
- b. Secretary of Commerce Sawyer has loosed a blast that "there are too many Americans abroad" (there are 34,000 Americans in official positions abroad, of which 3,000 are concerned with

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Mutual Security aspects and of that number, 1400 are MSA.) The MSA representative, Mr. Tom Wilson, thought his Agency took a disproportionate amount of blame on this question.

c. A cable arrived at the Defense Department this morning from Secretary Lovett in which he stated that the troop acceptance issue is a minor element of friction between the U.S. and allies, that it has been "grossly overstated"; that American-British relations in this field are cordial and healthy---more invitations for troops to spend Christmas in British homes than ever before. This points up again Communist propaganda instigation principally through union movements. Admiral Kirk stated that in his opinion, "pay differential" was the only sore spot.

4. The projected planning assignments came up for lengthy discussion, particularly over priorities. [REDACTED] indicated that 25X1A although the priorities matter came up at the last Board luncheon, he feels that consideration is academic at this particular point. Mr. Phillips indicated that it is the view of the State Department that there is no alternative but to give a first-priority consideration to the "liberation thesis", and that equally important was an over-all consideration of economic policy. The Defense representative indicated Mr. Foster was preparing a letter which would evidence their preference for a survey of such points in our psychological attack wherein we have touched the Communist sensibilities; e.g., reaction to the Kirsten Amendment, etc., and explore more fully a pursuit of actions in this direction. Definitive action on the planning assignments has been deferred for a week or two.

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